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Asbestos discovery leads to closure



Khyber Arts Society members Andrew McLaren, left, and Daniel Joyce pose for a photo inside the Khyber Centre for the Arts office on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Khyber Centre. Group trying to find new temporary home



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Members of the Khyber Arts Society are taking the "long view" of a somewhat abrupt start to long-awaited renovations at the Khyber Centre for the Arts.

HRM staff told the society Thursday to immediately cease public programming because of asbestos discovered in plaster dust at the historic Barrington Street building.

Artistic director Daniel Joyce said that upcoming exhibits and events have been cancelled, and the society is scrambling to find a temporary home.

"We have to find appropriate gallery space and figure out what we're doing with our event programming, because we're going to lose a lot of revenue through not hosting events," he said.

However, Joyce noted HRM staff are helping find the society a temporary home, and said the renovations represent an opportunity for the Khyber's rejuvenation.

"I think it could be great for the building as a cultural centre to get it cleaned up," he said. "It's really difficult to bring potential donors, politicians into the building when it looks like that."

Despite a once-tense relationship with HRM, chair Andrew McLaren emphasized that Thursday's closure is not an eviction in disguise.

However, there's some uncertainty about a return

"What we seek is an assurance from HRM that we continue to be regarded as a cultural incubator at that location," he said. "We don't have solid assurances of any sort except general indications of an ongoing dialogue."

McLaren said the uncertainty is minimal and the temporary upheaval is far outweighed by the potential benefits of the renovations for the local arts and culture community.

"You have to take the long view," said McLaren. "Halifax wants us to be part of their cultural strategy and so do we."

Quoted

"These renovations have been put off for so long ... it can be really depressing going into the building. I just want to see them get done."

Khyber Arts Society artistic director Daniel Joyce

to the Barrington Street location — recognized in HRM's cultural strategy as a "cultural incubator" — once the renovations are complete.

A budget for the renovations — which could reach \$3 million — will be presented to regional council in the next month.

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The Royals are coming

Prince Charles, Camilla to visit Nova Scotia as part of Canadian tour

Nova Scotia will play host to two members of the monarchy this spring.

A Royal Tour of Canada will take place in May when Charles, the Prince of Wales, and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, will make stops in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Manitoba.

David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, made the announcement Thursday, although details were as to where they would specifically visit are to be finalized.

"We look forward to welcoming the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to Nova Scotia," Premier Stephen McNeil says in a statement. "It is an opportunity for a whole new generation of Nova Scotians to meet the royal couple as we showcase our beautiful province to them."

It will be the 17th Canadian visit for Prince Charles and the third for the duchess.

They were last in Canada in 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. That four-day visit included stops in New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan.

Prince Charles last visited Halifax in 1983 with Princess Diana. **METRO**



Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall.

LEFTERIS PITRAKIS/AP



In this photo taken in November, local photographer Sue Siri poses next to one of the large window displays that was installed at the Alderney Landing ferry terminal for the shoot. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

'Wrong on so many levels'

Seeing Through — One Community, Many Faces.

Shelter Nova Scotia asks for help after photos from homelessness display are stolen



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The theft of a series of photos promoting awareness around homelessness is "wrong on so many levels," says the executive director of Shelter Nova Scotia.

Don Spicer said on Thursday he filed a report with the Halifax Regional Police after he said 15 large photos that were

Quoted

"We just want them back."

Don Spicer, executive director of Shelter Nova Scotia

part of the Seeing Through — One Community, Many Faces campaign were stolen from the windows of Alderney Landing.

"I can't think of why someone would do something like this," Spicer said quietly over the phone.

"When a not-for-profit is just trying to better the lives of people who are experiencing homelessness, and then you steal their ability to do that, it's just wrong on so many levels."

The photos, 30 inches by 30 inches, were printed onto white vinyl and shot by local photographer Sue Siri.

Spicer said a witness saw a man and woman take the 15 photos down on Jan. 5 around 2:30 p.m., but the theft wasn't reported until now because he wanted to ensure someone in the campaign hadn't taken them.

The suspects were described as white, and the man was tall and thin with a beard and raspy voice. The woman was shorter than the man, with a small to medium build and shoulder-length dark hair.

"(He) spoke to the witness and claimed to be the photographer that took the pic-

tures," Spicer said. "The witness ... thought nothing more of it and left the area, and the couple walked out the door."

Shelter Nova Scotia was planning to use the images for more awareness campaigns in the future, Spicer said, and is "extremely disappointed" they're gone because they can't afford to have the photos reproduced.

They got the original set for free thanks to Siri and other sponsors, but it would cost \$7,500 to reprint them now, Spicer said.

"We were so excited and proud of this project," Spicer said. "To have somebody steal it out from under us is upsetting for sure."

Anyone who has information about the photos or suspects is asked to contact police.

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Local poetry for all N.S. high schools

Local author George Borden reads some of his poems to Dartmouth High School students in the library of the school on Thursday. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has published a collection of his works entitled *I Never Heard Them Cry!*, which will be distributed to all high schools in the province this spring. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Public meetings set for downtown plans

Halifax and Dartmouth. HRM seeking new ideas from residents and businesses



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Downtown Halifax has been a hot topic of discussion as developers and regional council focus on ways to rejuvenate the area, but Tim Rissesco is glad downtown Dartmouth will have its share of attention in a new improvement campaign.

On Thursday, HRM announced a series of public meetings called Downtown... I'm In. The meetings will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, to capture ideas about creating a more vibrant downtown experience in Halifax and Dartmouth.

"It's exciting. It's good to have a council and a mayor that ... see the downtowns as economic generators for the municipality," said Rissesco, execu-

tive director for the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission.

"That fires us up and energizes us, and keeps the momentum going forward."

Rissesco said what downtown Dartmouth really needs is more people living and working in the area, as well as fun street events like Switch that bring crowds into the area.

He said Dartmouth already has lots of great infrastructure like the waterfront, multi-use trails, new independent shops, as well as promising developments like King's Wharf.

Although he says he has nothing against large shopping malls, Rissesco said it's important to keep downtowns alive because they're the "heart of a community."

"It's where the history is," Rissesco said. "The downtown is what makes our city special."

The Halifax event will be in the mezzanine level of Pete's Frootique on Dresden Row and feature Charles Montgomery, a "downtown champion"

Excited

"It's where the history is.... The downtown is what makes our city special."

Tim Rissesco, exec. director for the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, speaking of the importance of the city's centre versus shopping malls.

and award-winning author of *Happy City*.

Vancouver entrepreneur and restaurant owner Mark Brand will speak at the Dartmouth meeting in the Alderney Landing Farmers' Market.

Both meetings run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Metro Transit will provide free ferry service between 9:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. to get people to and from the meetings.

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Energy policy

Province set to review electricity system

A review of Nova Scotia's electricity system has been launched.

Energy Minister Andrew Younger says the goal over the next year is to gather ideas on future energy policy.

The two-phase review will look at emerging

technologies, market trends and electricity generation and transmission.

The first phase of the review will examine technical factors and expert opinions, while the second will have public consultations.

Requests for proposals on technical expertise will be issued by the end of this week and the Energy Department is seeking public feedback on the scope of the consultations until Feb. 7. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Andrew Younger
METRO FILE

High cough season

Last flu shots to tackle shortages

Nova Scotia's health minister says the final order of flu vaccine will go to pharmacies facing shortages.

Leo Glavine says most of the 9,600 shots will go to Halifax and Pictou County.

Nova Scotia ordered 435,000 doses this season. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Outsourced analysis

Doctors billing process under review

The Nova Scotia government has hired a consultant to review its audit and appeal process for physician billing.

Health Minister Leo Glavine says the system must ensure fairness and protect taxpayer money.

He says the consultant,

who is being paid \$54,000, should be done within a few months, with the new process in place later this year.

The announcement comes after the province dropped a complaint over dozens of radiologists' billing practices.

Dr. Mike Fleming, president of Doctors Nova Scotia, says physicians want a system that treats and pays them fairly for their services.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kevin Nugent. Dartmouth man, 50, facing child porn charges

Halifax police have charged a 50-year-old Dartmouth man with child pornography offences following the search of a home on Thursday morning.

Police say a residence in the 0 to 100 block of Gourok Avenue was searched and police arrested the suspect and seized his computer equipment.

Kevin Nugent has been charged with possession of child pornography and accessing child pornography. He will appear in Dartmouth provincial court Feb. 25.

Nugent has been released from custody under the conditions to not communicate with children under 16, to not access the internet and to not be within 50 metres of anywhere frequented by children.

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Accused's and Amber Kirwan's DNA found on shirt, court hears



Christopher Falconer arriving at Pictou Supreme Court last week.
ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pictou Supreme Court. Second week of trial wraps up Friday

Amber Kirwan's DNA and that of the man accused of killing her were found on the same piece of clothing along with another unknown DNA sample.

Thomas Suzanski, an RCMP forensic biologist, who was handed the task of finding the DNA from exhibits in the Kirwan investigation, testified Thursday in Pictou Supreme Court this is the only piece of evidence that was tested that has DNA from both Kirwan and Christopher Falconer on it together.

Thirty-one-year-old Falconer is charged with first-degree murder in the death of 19-year-old Kirwan, who went missing from downtown New Glasgow on Oct. 9, 2011. Her remains were found in Heathbell in a muddy grave off a logging road on Nov. 5.

Police forensic officers testified earlier in the trial that

the tank top was found inside a bag that was located in the back seat of his car. Witnesses who knew Falconer testified that he was often seen wearing similar dark-coloured tank tops.

Suzanski said after retesting the tank top four different times, he located DNA on the back of the shirt, near the neck line, that clearly matched Falconer. Kirwan's DNA was found on the front of the shirt near the bottom.

However, under cross examination, defence lawyer Mike Taylor also pointed out that test results show DNA from a third unknown person was found on several locations on the tank top.

Suzanski confirmed the finding, but he added it was from a "mixed profile" meaning that a clear DNA profile

couldn't be identified. However, he agreed with the defence that there was clearly a third person's DNA on the shirt.

"There was DNA there from at least three people and as you heard from the expert,

there is DNA from at least three people in several spots and DNA that could not have been attributed to Mr. Falconer," said Taylor following Thursday's court session. "I hope it will tell the jury where the DNA came from and who actually contributed to the DNA and placed it there."

Crown attorney Bill Gorman said the tank top is a link in the evidence chain and the evidence can't be looked at one piece at a time. He said DNA evidence clearly shows Kirwan was at the camper trailer. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**



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Firefighters examine the latest burnt-out truck in Millbrook Thursday. TRURO DAILY NEWS

Second Truro truck fire in less than a day

Millbrook. Latest blaze happened after man fuelled up vehicle

RCMP say a transfer-truck fire Thursday morning at the Truro Power Centre does not appear to be suspicious.

Sgt. Don Daigle of Millbrook RCMP said the out-of-town driver had filled his fuel tanks at the Irving Big Stop in

Truro Heights, took Exit 13 to Highway 102 southbound and was driving toward the Truro Power Centre when he was alarmed by a suspicious smell in the cab.

"He started smelling something that didn't smell right," said Daigle. "He decided he was going to get off the road safely away from traffic."

The driver pulled off the highway and parked the truck in the Cineplex parking lot, which was vacant at the

time of the fire, around 11:50 a.m.

"By the time he got out it was in flames," said the officer. "The truck went up pretty quick."

The driver was not injured during the blaze.

It was the second major truck fire Truro firefighters have been called to battle at the Truro Power Centre in less than 24 hours. Wednesday night a fuel truck parked on Highway 102 caught fire,

prompting evacuation of businesses and residences within a half-kilometre radius.

The Newfoundland-and-Labrador-registered, black Western Star truck carrying a load of frozen chicken was in flames when the Truro Fire Department arrived on scene.

"When we first pulled in, we had a fully involved fire in the cab of an 18-wheeler," said fire chief Blois Currie.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Highway 102. Broken axle likely cause of truck blaze

Nova Scotia's transportation minister says initial reports indicate a tanker truck that caught fire and forced the closure of part of a major highway for more than four hours broke an axle.

Geoff MacLellan says officials from his department will be looking to see whether the truck involved in Wednesday's accident on Highway 102 near Truro was in compliance with safety standards.

MacLellan says the heat from the fire was so intense that it melted several layers of the roadway, leaving the northbound section of the highway down to one lane. He says the priority is to get the road repaired but he can't estimate when that will be done.



The tanker truck fully engulfed.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Environment Minister Randy Delorey says a small amount of leaked fuel near the truck was contained while the bulk of its load — some 16,000 litres — was burned off in the fire. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Mic Mac Mall. Man hit by vehicle in parking lot

A 55-year-old man was hit at a marked crosswalk Thursday morning — the third pedestrian struck in two days.

Halifax police responded to Mic Mac Mall where the man had been hit by a car while crossing a marked crosswalk in the parking lot just before 11 a.m. Police say he suffered non-life threatening injuries and was taken to hospital by paramedics.

A 29-year-old Dartmouth woman was charged with failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

Two people were also hit

Penalty

If convicted of hitting a pedestrian in a crosswalk, a driver faces a maximum fine of \$687.41 and four points deducted from their license.

while using crosswalks earlier this week. A man was struck on Farnham Gate Road around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday evening, and a 23-year-old woman was charged after hitting a 30-year-old man on Northwood Terrace on Wednesday. **METRO**

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City staff recommended. Cape Breton nears broad outdoor smoking ban

Cape Breton Regional council is moving ahead with adopting a smoke-free outdoor spaces policy.

At its general committee meeting this week, councillors discussed a staff issue paper recommending the move, which included a draft policy modelled after a policy already in place in Lunenburg.

Mary Ann Vuletich, assistant manager of inspections and bylaws, said the intention of the policy would be to promote to the public through a positive message the value of having smoke-free outdoor spaces.

The policy would be self-

regulated by means of signage only, in areas such as parks, playgrounds, trail heads, sports fields and other open spaces owned by the CBRM.

They would also focus on places and facilities where youth and others gather for events.

To be continued

A final decision on moving ahead with the no-smoking policy for public outdoor spaces will be made at the next regular council meeting.

Loaded rifle. Man taken to hospital after standoff

Police in Cape Breton say a man was taken to hospital early Thursday after barricading himself in his house and threatening to kill himself.

Officers went into the home in Dominion at about 6:30 a.m. and found the

man unconscious with a loaded rifle next to him.

Medication or alcohol may have caused him to fall unconscious, say police.

The man was taken to hospital for further examination.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Efficiency Nova Scotia

Consulting not on public dime

Nova Scotia's energy minister says he will ensure taxpayers' dollars aren't used by Efficiency Nova Scotia to pay for advice on government relations.

Andrew Younger said in an email to The Canadian Press that the amount of

public money Efficiency Nova Scotia spent to hire Jamie MacNeil of Cape Consulting Group for his advice would be deducted from its government funding.

Amelia Warren, a spokeswoman for Efficiency Nova Scotia, says it paid MacNeil \$10,000 for a contract between October and December and paid for it with money from its general fund. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Yet another winter classic: the January thaw

A pedestrian shields a child from the rain with an umbrella as they walk past a graffiti-covered wall on Cunard Street. Haligonians practically forgot the major winter storm that brought massive amounts of snow and arctic temperatures to Atlantic Canada two weeks ago. The warm weather that parked over the region earlier this week continued through Thursday, bringing rain for most of the day. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Truro cop hailed as hero

Cliffhanger account. Cop rescues elderly woman from smoke- filled apartment

The deputy chief of the Truro police department is commending the actions of one of his officers after a fire call overnight Wednesday.

Truro Police Service say Const. Robert Hunka responded to a 911 call on Lyman Street early Thursday morning

and rushed into an apartment full of smoke to save an elderly woman.

Jim Flemming, with the Truro Police Service, said the force is "very proud" of the actions of Hunka, who entered a building full of smoke to rescue an elderly woman.

"It was exceptional what he did," said Flemming. "Especially because it wasn't a fire call right off the bat, so he wasn't expecting all the smoke."

The call came in at 1:43 a.m. Thursday about a woman yelling and screaming from an

Fearless

"The smoke was so thick I had to continue to hold my breath and use the wall for guidance."

apartment building on Lyman Street.

"I could hear the female yelling 'help' and coughing faintly," Hunka wrote in a report.

The thick black smoke, said

Hunka, "immediately took my breath away."

"I stepped outside and took a deep breath and proceeded within the apartment," he wrote.

Hunka found the woman at the back of the apartment, curled up on the floor.

"I then proceeded to lift the female as she could not stand and put her on my shoulders."

Using the wall for guidance, Hunka made his way outside the building with the woman. TRURO DAILY NEWS



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Indian police say gang-rape suspects identified

Indian police said Thursday that they were closing in on five homeless men in the gang-rape of a 51-year-old Danish tourist in New Delhi, a case that highlights the plague of sexual violence in the country and threatens to tarnish its tourism industry.

Three other suspects were earlier picked up and accused of taking part in Tuesday's attack, which lasted nearly three hours and happened near Connaught Place, a popular shopping area in the heart of New Delhi, police spokesman Rajan Bhagat said.

"We have identified the culprits. All of them are vaga-

bonds," a police official said

Tourism figures fell significantly in the three months following the 2012 fatal gang-rape of a young Indian woman — a case that caused public outrage — with visits by women dropping 35 per cent, according to the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India.

Police said the Danish tourist was raped at knifepoint Tuesday after she approached a group of men for directions back to her hotel. Instead of helping her, the men lured her to a secluded spot and raped her repeatedly, according to police. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Violence continues

Violence against women in India has caused increasing alarm since the fatal gang-rape of a 23-year-old Indian physiotherapy student in New Delhi in December 2012.

- Several foreign tourists also have been targeted in attacks that have received international attention, although Indian women are assaulted far more frequently.



Col. Jamila Bayaz at her office in Kabul, Afghanistan. MASSOUD HOSSAINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Female police chief a first in Afghanistan

Top cop. Says she's ready to serve, despite danger of being a possible Taliban target

Quoted

"There are difficulties, but I will continue."

Col. Jamila Bayaz, Afghanistan's first female district police chief

She wears a black headscarf instead of a cap. But otherwise Col. Jamila Bayaz looks like any other district police chief in Afghanistan as she reviews checkpoints in the centre of Kabul.

Bayaz, 50, is the first woman to be promoted to run an entire district — the highest frontline appointment for an Afghan policewoman. With just two days on the job, she said

she feels up to the challenge despite the threat, as police-women are among the Taliban's top targets.

"I work day and night," she said as she walked through a money exchange bazaar that lies at the heart of Kabul's District 1. "I am ready to serve; I am not scared, nor am I afraid."

Afghan policewomen are frequently threatened and targeted by the insurgents and several have been killed in the past few years. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Natural disaster

USDA responds to drought concerns

Federal officials have designated portions of 11 drought-ridden western and central states as primary natural disaster areas, highlighting the financial strain the lack of rain is likely to bring to farmers in those regions.

The announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture means eligible farmers can qualify for low-interest emergency loans from the USDA. While storms have pelted the East, droughts are persisting or intensifying in the West.

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Newtown tragedy

Shooter called radio show

The man who carried out the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Newtown apparently called a radio station a year earlier to discuss the 2009 mauling of a Connecticut woman by a chimpanzee.

The caller believed to be Adam Lanza speaks softly on a show on the University of Oregon's campus radio station and blames "civilization" for the animal's attack.

Lanza killed 20 children and six adults at the school in Newtown on Dec. 14, 2012. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Nigeria

Court sentences gay man to lashes

A young man convicted of sodomy was whipped 20 times Thursday in a northern Nigerian Shariah court.

Though Mubarak Ibrahim was found guilty under Shariah law, it is the first conviction of a gay man in Nigeria since President Goodluck Jonathan signed a bill that further criminalizes homosexuality under the West African nation's Western-style penal code.

The 20 lashes were administered in the public court. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Court agrees to hear right-to-die appeal

Assisted suicide.

Proponents argue the law is outdated and society's view of the issue has changed

The Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to review the country's assisted-suicide laws more than two decades after it re-

jected doctor-assisted dying for people who are terminally ill.

The high court announced Thursday it will hear an appeal in a case that briefly overturned the ban on assisted suicide and offered a B.C. woman a constitutional exemption to get help in ending her life.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association, which has argued on behalf of several ill people who said they wanted to die with

dignity, hailed the decision.

In 2012, Justice Lynn Smith of the B.C. Supreme Court ruled the existing law was unconstitutional but delayed her ruling for a year to allow the federal government to rewrite the statute.

Smith also granted Gloria Taylor an exemption that would have allowed her to seek an assisted death. Taylor was terminally ill with ALS, also

Arguing for the right to die with dignity

"Today we are savouring the knowledge that seriously ill Canadians are going to have the opportunity to make their plea to the court."

Lawyer Grace Pastine, who has argued Kay Carter's case for the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

The federal government appealed the B.C. Supreme Court decision, and the B.C. Court of

Appeal overturned the ruling last October, concluding that the 1993 case that upheld the law was binding and that the

lower court didn't have the ability to overturn the decision.

Taylor didn't use the constitutional exemption. She died of an infection in October 2012.

But the family of another woman, 89-year-old Kay Carter who went to Switzerland in January 2010 to end her life, is continuing the court fight with the help of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.

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Animal cruelty. Group investigating after cat muzzled, starved to death

The Calgary Humane Society is investigating after a cat was found muzzled and starved to death Thursday just metres from where a dog was found dead in much the same manner.

The society said it found an emaciated female husky on Jan. 9 with tape over its muzzle, just like the cat.

The dog investigation prompted a local veterinary company to offer up a \$5,000 reward for information leading to conviction in the case.

"Everybody who has a pet in Calgary is now at risk — that's the scary part," said Greg Hasbitt, president of Vets To Go, which is offering the reward.

Brad Nichols, the humane society's manager of cruelty investigations, said the penalties for such an act, if deemed intentional, could include counts of animal neglect and cruelty and carry a sentence of up to five years in prison and a maximum \$20,000 fine.

METRO IN CALGARY



Canadians face trafficking charges in the Philippines

Arrested Canadian nationals James Clayton Riach, right, and Ali Memar Mortazavi Shirazi wait for their inquest proceeding at the Department of Justice in Manila, Philippines, on Thursday. The Anti-Organized and Transnational Crime Division of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) said four Canadians, including Riach and Shirazi, were arrested Wednesday for allegedly trafficking illegal drugs from Mexico. The suspects are allegedly linked to a Mexican cartel and undercutting Chinese traffickers dominating the local market, which could trigger a drug war, NBI said. BULLIT MARQUEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

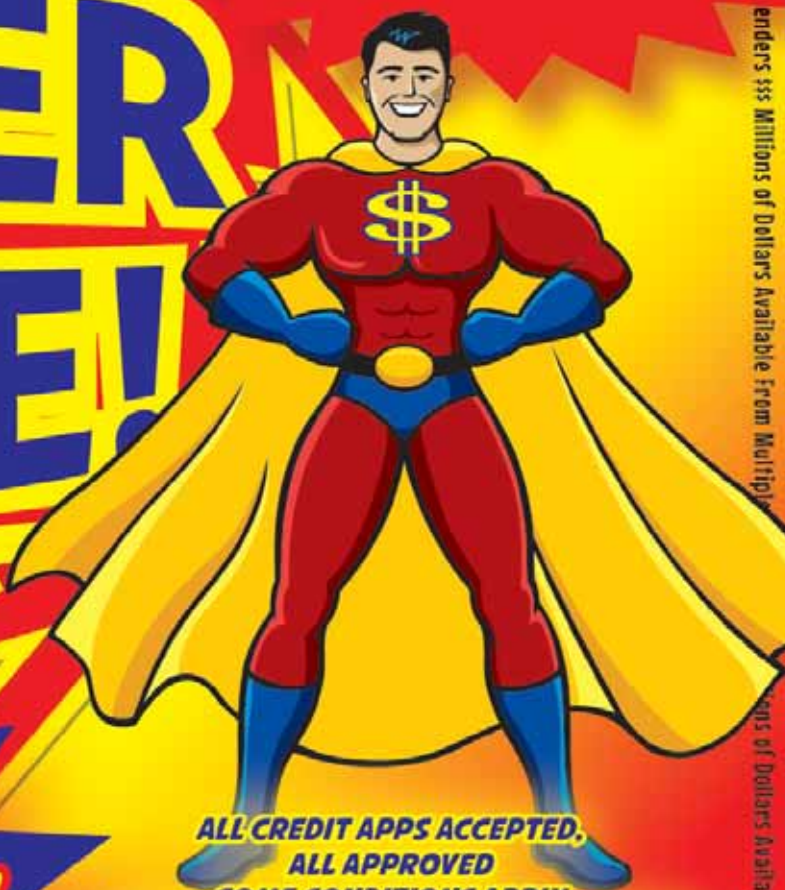
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Nunavut

Inquest called over record suicide year

Nunavut's chief coroner is calling a special inquiry in response to a record number of suicides in the territory last year.

Padma Suramala says 45 people killed themselves in 2013, making Nunavut's suicide rate 13 and a half times higher than the national average — a figure she calls terribly disheartening. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Liberal policy

Trudeau wary of legal prostitution

Justin Trudeau isn't endorsing a proposal to legalize prostitution, saying it's one of many resolutions to be debated at the party's national policy convention in Montreal next month.

Trudeau says he looks forward to the debate, but appears to be signalling his own views against legalization, arguing prostitution is a form of violence against women. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cybercrime

RCMP boss: Feds not doing enough

The RCMP commissioner has warned Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney the government must do more to fight cybercrime.

In a letter, commissioner Bob Paulson argues the government needs to focus more on providing the public with information and strengthening law-enforcement. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Winnipeg

Woman stabbed by car thief: Police

A Winnipeg woman and her child weren't seriously hurt after a thief stabbed the woman and stole her vehicle Wednesday.

Police said while the woman, 30, was clearing snow off her car, a man demanded her keys. She refused, so the man stabbed her leg and took her keys. The woman managed to get her child out of the vehicle before the thief drove off.

METRO IN WINNIPEG

Trudeau admits \$840 in bad expense claims

Administrative errors?
Expenses were incurred while Liberal leader was working as paid public speaker; he says money has been fully repaid

In the midst of the Senate expenses scandal, Justin Trudeau has fessed up to some expense claim transgressions of his own.

The Liberal leader disclosed Thursday that he wrongly claimed \$840 in MP travel and living expenses incurred while he was actually moonlighting as a paid public speaker.

He called them administrative errors and said he fully repaid the money as soon as he was made aware of the problem.

Conservative and NDP rivals pounced on the admis-

sion, accusing Trudeau of being little better than the senators who are under RCMP investigation for making allegedly fraudulent expense claims.

But Trudeau insisted his public disclosure and swift action to remedy the mistake shows he's setting a new standard of transparency.

"I am now explaining that to Canadians because one of the most important things about my approach in politics has been creating a level of accountability, of openness, of honesty that means admitting when mistakes were made, taking responsibility for them and fixing them in an open manner that hopefully will continue to restore Canadians' trust in our political system," he said during an appearance with a provincial Liberal byelection candidate in Thornhill, Ont.

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Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau greets people after introducing Liberal byelection candidate Sandra Yeung Racco in Thornhill, Ont., on Thursday.

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Hollande's alleged lover sues magazine



French actress Julie Gayet
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The actress suspected of having an affair with French President Francois Hollande has filed a lawsuit against a gossip magazine for alleged invasion of privacy over its report.

A representative of Closer magazine says the publication received legal documents Thursday from Julie Gayet and her lawyers. The lawsuit seeks 54,000 euros (about \$80,000) in damages and other fees, plus

the publication of a summary of any judicial ruling on its front page.

Rumours have long circulated that the French president might have a lover. Closer published images Friday showing his bodyguard and a helmeted man it says is Hollande visiting what it says is Gayet's apartment.

Hollande has been living with Valerie Trierweiler, a jour-

nalist, since he split with the mother of his four children in 2007.

Trierweiler is viewed as the reason that Hollande split from longtime partner Segolene Royal. The couple separated just after Royal lost her bid for the presidency in 2007, but it later emerged Hollande had been having an affair with Trierweiler during the campaign. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Fifty-year-old Karel Slinger, participant in a pilot project for alcoholics that offers to fund their drinking rather than try to cure them, pauses for beer at the clubhouse in Amsterdam, Wednesday. **PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Alcoholics paid in beer

Tough job. Participants given beer for light work collecting litter and eating a meal

ing life for the alcoholics. Not by trying to get them to stop drinking, but instead by offering to fund their habit outright.

The men — two groups of 10 — must show up at 9 a.m., three days a week. They start off with two beers, work a morning shift, eat lunch, get two more beers, and then do an afternoon shift before closing out with their last beer. Sometimes there's a bonus beer. Total daily pay package: 19 euros (about \$28), in beer, tobacco, a meal, and 10 euros cash.

The men streaming in and out of a small clubhouse in east Amsterdam could almost be construction workers at the end of a hard day, cracking jokes as they down a few Heinekens, waiting for their paycheques. But it's only noon, the men are alcoholics and the beers are the paycheck.

In a pilot project that has drawn attention in the Netherlands and around the world, the city has teamed up with a charity organization in hopes of improving the neighbourhood and possibly improv-

Gerrie Holterman, leader of the small non-profit Rainbow Group Foundation that runs the program, conceded there has only been one individual so far who has moved from the program to regular life.

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Vatican grilled by UN on child sex abuse scandal

'The Holy See gets it.'
Church's former sex crimes prosecutor says there are 'things that need to be done differently'

The Vatican came under blistering criticism from a UN committee Thursday for its handling of the global priest sex-abuse scandal, facing its most intense public grilling to date over allegations that it protected pedophile priests at the expense of victims.

The Vatican insisted it had little jurisdiction to sanction pedophile priests around the globe, saying it was for local law enforcement to do so. But officials conceded that more needs to be done and promised to build on progress already made to become a



Roman Catholic official Monsignor Charles Scicluna waits Thursday in Geneva for the start of questioning at the UN. MARTIAL TREZZINI/KEYSTONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

model for others, given the scale of the problem and the role the Holy See plays in the international community.

"The Holy See gets it," Monsignor Charles Scicluna, the Vatican's former sex crimes prosecutor, told the

committee. "There are certain things that need to be done differently." He was responding to the UN commit-

tee over the Holy See's failure to abide by terms of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Britain, U.S., Australia

Live webcam child abuse ring busted

Child abuse investigators in the U.S., Britain and Australia have dismantled an organized crime group that streamed live webcam footage of child sexual abuse from the Philippines for paying viewers around the world.

An international investigation broke up the ring, which abused impoverished children as young as six, Britain's National Crime Agency said. Authorities made 29 arrests, including 11 people in the Philippines who had facilitated the crime, including members of the children's families.

Police describe the use of webcams to stream live child abuse — especially from developing countries — as a "significant and emerging threat."

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Daniel Ek. Co-founder of music streaming service gives listeners the power

Record labels are still not big fans of Spotify. Do you have sympathy for them? I don't think there's a single record label that has a problem with us. They've

worked with us for four to five years now, and I'm sure they wouldn't partner with us if they didn't like what we do. Right now we're their second-largest revenue generator after iTunes.

YouTube content boss Robert Kyncl's vision of his site is a talent factory for ordinary people. Do you want Spotify to go in the same

direction?

We don't want to become creators of music. Record labels are great partners, and by the way, artists can also upload music to Spotify on their own. What we're focusing on is getting more music uploaded so that more people can enjoy it.

One of your staff members

put an unknown singer named Lorde on Spotify's playlist, turning her an instant star. Do you want to formalize this process of Spotify as a kingmaker?

Yes, we want to help artists, but we don't want to be kingmakers. What we're about is democratizing the music industry so that your friends are your kingmakers. **METRO**



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Rockin' in the free world?

Young's criticism of oilsands criticized

Amid his aboriginal fundraising tour, rocker Neil Young is facing criticism over his comments that compared the oilsands to Hiroshima.

Before the musician's concert in Winnipeg Thursday the federal natural resources minister called Young's remarks insulting and the Saskatchewan premier called the remarks ignorant. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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In NYC. The Super Bowl is about throwing the pigskin and pigging out

The Super Bowl won't touch down in New Jersey until next month, but the New York restaurant scene already is rolling out the turf carpet.

Exhibit A — The 50 Yard Lounge. At the intersection of Madison Square Garden and Penn Station, the 50 Yard Lounge will offer what amounts to a five-day food and wine festival with athletes. Heated roof decks, tented plazas and restaurants

will showcase themed menus from top New York chefs while current and former NFL players mingle with diners.

In some of the many chef-and-athlete demonstrations, Michelin-starred chef Michael White will teach Football Hall of Famer Cris Carter to make pasta. And celebrity butcher Pat LaFrieda will show three-time Super Bowl champion Matt Light how to break down meat. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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STOP ME IF YOU THINK THAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS ONE BEFORE

It's a brand new year. But for those of you who think we're getting off to a fresh start, a clean slate and all that, this week's Metro List should disabuse you of that notion. Talk about déjà vu all over again:

1 Meryl Streep gets nominated for an Oscar. Get out! It makes the 18th time the World's Greatest Actor (registered trademark) is nominated for an acting Academy Award. They should retire her category or something. Sorry, no more best actress category. It's now the Meryl Streep wannabe category. And the winner is... Jennifer Lawrence, who's already been nominated three times, has one Oscar and is still only 23.

2 Overweight politician vows to stick it to his enemies. No, it's not Rob Ford, but New Jersey Governor Chris Christie doing his best Rob Ford imitation, denying he has anything to do with shutting down traffic on a busy com-



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muter bridge out of spite, and complaining that his enemies are on a political vendetta. Speaking of political, Christie's final Imitation of Ford is to stand in the smoking crater of his career and believe he can get his ample bottom elected something other than dog catcher.

3 French president has affair. Francoise Hollande is having an affair with actress Julie Gayet. The only difference between this affair and those of former presidents such as Nicolas Sarkozy (who left his wife for supermodel Carla Bruni) François Mitterrand (who kept a second family), and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, etc. is, er, nothing. Power is an aphrodisiac that transforms even the least favoured chef d'État. Oo-la-la. I've always wanted to write that.

4 Rock star sticks his nose into Canadian environmental controversy. Sir Paul McCartney took a moment with the baby

seals in Newfoundland, posing with several admiring mammals on a convenient ice floe. Now Neil Young has decided to follow Macca's lead and has inserted himself into the national debate over the oilsands, the Keystone Gateway pipeline, and whatever. This is really nothing new for the iconic rock star, who's been protesting since he first picked up his guitar. Remember, he's the guy who inspired Sweet Home Alabama. Maybe somebody will write a rockin' song defending the oilsands. Maybe not.

5 Royal couple visits Canada. Charles and Camilla, that is. Like relatives who just can't stay away, The Prince of Wales and his Duchess will enjoy the nation's hospitality for four (more) days in May, visiting New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan, you lucky guys. They were just here in 2012. Governor General David Johnston made the announcement, adding, by way of discreet understatement, "Sharon and I are looking forward to seeing them once again, as they spend some time here in Canada." It is Charles' 17th visit, Camilla's third, so she has a lot of catching up to do.

ZOOM

'Pseudoscience' 'paints' 'a' 'picture'



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Portraits revived from 'specimens'

An artist has created collaged replicas of famous paintings using hundreds of tiny photographs, gelatin capsules, vials, sequins and insect pins.

Michael Mapes, from New York state, painstakingly put together the "artificial specimens" to reimagine works by Dutch masters Rembrandt and Nicolaes Elias Pickenoy. **METRO**

'Pseudoscience' at centre of artwork

By collecting and compartmentalizing dissected photos and contrived specimens, Mapes toys with the notion of a "pseudoscientific" approach to creating art.

The 51-year-old explains to Metro that "this pseudoscientific metaphor serves as a kind of lens through which my artistic expression can be experienced in a complex and unique way." **METRO**

By the numbers

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insect pins are used to create Mapes's unique portraits.

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HANNAH ZITNER
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Zuckerberg and co. are treading even closer to Twitter's toes this week with the addition of a Facebook trending bar. Personalized topics are gathered based on FB trends along with you and your pals' apparent likes/dislikes. Here's what you might want to know:

Ads: Unlike Twitter, FB spokespeople say trending topics can't be sponsored or promoted... for now.

One liners: Trending topics include a one-liner about the topic, giving a bit more context than the one-word trends of Twitter.



Private vs. public:

While most people's Twitter feeds are public, FB users seem to keep their profiles on strict lockdown, which gives Twitter a leg up in figuring out what you're actually into. This means trends might be more closely linked to celebs and news outlets' likes and dislikes.

Comments

RE: Citizenship Changes Emphasize 'Speak White Ideology' Report Finds, published online January 16

Having been through the citizenship process recently, I have to disagree with most of this think tank's findings.

The claim that applicants are tested on "economic self-sufficiency" is completely false. Moreover, barriers to citizenship are low, with only 3.6 per cent of citizenship applicants ultimately rejected. The most common reason for rejecting applicants is that they didn't live in Canada for

the required three years.

The history section includes a lot about the waves of immigration that have shaped Canada, emphasizing the positive contribution of multiculturalism, pluralism, diversity and mutual respect. The overwhelming majority of applicants in my test session were non-white, and that seems to be quite normal.

The only reasonable point that the think tank makes relates to the processing delays. My application took 27 months, almost all of which involved my case file sitting in a pile waiting for someone to look at it. **Daniel Hassett, posted to metronews.ca**

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Synopsis

Ex-Marine Jack Ryan is back on screen after a 12-year break, but this time he looks like Captain Kirk. As played by Chris Pine (taking over from Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford and Ben Affleck), CIA field agent Ryan discovers evidence of an upcoming terrorist attack. Leaving his suspicious girlfriend (Kiera Knightley) behind, he is sent to Moscow to continue the investigation by Intelligence boss Agent Harper (Kevin Costner). Dodging bullets and bad guys, he encounters Viktor Cherevin (Kenneth Branagh), an evil businessman with a plot to destabilize the global economy. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Steve: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

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Squeaky clean Chris Pine doesn't add much to an already-bland Jack Ryan tale. CONTRIBUTED

Pretty dry for a film spy

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit. Chris Pine and a dull dialogue sink this Jack Ryan installment

Richard: Steve, Shadow Recruit is nothing fancy... and it's also nothing Clancy. As the first of the Ryan movies not based on a Tom Clancy novel, it feels quite generic. There is the usual intrigue and a couple of tense scenes, but what the movie doesn't have is the ear for dialogue of the other Ryan films. When you have a senior CIA agent muttering the line, "This is geopolitics, not couple's therapy," it's hard to know whether this is a satire of spy films or just badly written.

Steve: It certainly wasn't inspired writing, that's for sure. I get the feeling the genesis of this film came straight from a money-angling producer who somehow decided reviving a 12-year-old movie character like Jack Ryan would make better business sense than creative endeavour. The problem is, even if you look at the previous incarnations of the CIA operative — he's pretty indistinct. He's no James Bond. And vanilla Chris Pine doesn't add much to that blandness.

RC: True, but I really think that this is a case of a director with no affinity for the material. It's almost as if the movie was pieced together by people who had seen a lot of spy movies, but didn't really understand them. Add to that action scenes

so frenetically edited it's often hard to see who is punching who through the flashes of light on the screen. A little clarity in those sequences would have gone a long way to make up for the ridiculous dialogue and underdeveloped characters.

SG: Absolutely. I had a hard time making sense of the action sequences since they were filmed with shaky handheld cameras in what seemed to be extreme close-up. Perhaps filmmaker Kenneth Branagh was focusing less on direction and more on playing the Russian antagonist in the film, which he does effectively enough in spite of the formulaic dialogue. Keira Knightley too, in the pretty unremarkable role of Ryan's unwitting operative wife, is fine

— although I'm not sure what her attraction to the part was.

RC: Knightley was fine, but I thought Branagh played Cherevin with all the nuance of a Bond villain. He's ruthless, flamboyantly accented and super smart. Smart enough to bring down the global economy but not smart enough, apparently, to see through Chris Pine's terrible drunk act near the climax of the film.

Steve: True enough. And that probably exemplifies this film's biggest flaw. As much as the action is set at the pace of an over-caffeinated ferret, this thriller is pretty much boilerplate material with any subtle intricacies simplified for the sake of the neatly-capped plot. In the end, it's a pretty plain spy flick.

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Academy Awards.

American Hustle, Gravity get most nom love from Oscar



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Metro World News in Hollywood

The Academy announced its nominations for the 2014 Oscars Thursday morning, with David O. Russell's *American Hustle* and Alfonso Cuarón's *Gravity* tying for the most nominations, earning 10 each, while Steve McQueen's *12 Years a Slave* was right behind with nine.

It's an incredibly crowded year, with nine films up for best picture, so voting for the final awards could go almost anyway, but we're predicting that the Hollywood Foreign Press got things almost exactly right with their major winners at the Golden Globes.

What is certain is that we'll find out what the Academy thinks on March 2.

Metro's predictions

Best picture: *12 Years a Slave*

Best actor: Matthew McConaughey, *Dallas Buyers Club*

Best actress: Cate Blanchett, *Blue Jasmine*

Best supporting actor: Jared Leto, *Dallas Buyers Club*

Best supporting actress: Lupita Nyong'o, *12 Years a Slave*

Best director: Alfonso Cuarón, *Gravity*

Biggest winners

American Hustle has the biggest profile in the most major categories, making it the best contender for a sweep — though that seems incredibly unlikely this year. And Judi Dench has to be pleased to make it into the Best Actress race for underdog *Philomena*.

Biggest losers

Certain films didn't seem to connect at all with the Acad-



Her squeeze its way into the best picture race. CONTRIBUTED

emy, the most surprising being the Coen Brothers' *Inside Llewyn Davis*, which only earned two nods, for cinematography and sound mixing. And *Saving Mr. Banks*,



American Hustle snagged 10 Oscar nominations on Thursday. CONTRIBUTED

which had been considered a contender for nominations at least for Emma Thompson and Tom Hanks, will have to make due with a best original score nod. But the biggest snub seems to be for Lee Daniels' *The Butler*, which wasn't nominated for a single award. Sorry, Oprah.

Biggest surprises

It's definitely a treat to see Spike Jonze's quiet and fantastic *Her* squeeze its way into the best picture race, as well as *Philomena*, though neither film has that great a chance of winning the top prize. Hopefully the Academy, like the HFPA earlier this week, will award Jonze

for best original screenplay as a consolation. And not seeing Academy favorite Tom Hanks nominated for anything despite well-received roles in *Captain Phillips* and *Saving Mr. Banks* is certainly a surprise, though apparently the Academy needed to make room for Jonah Hill, whom they seem to really like.



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The Nut Job

Director. Peter Lepeniotis

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Paralleling the frenetic pace of its rodent star, The Nut Job certainly packs a lot of energy — even if the tale's slightly familiar. Based on his own short feature, Peter Lepeniotis's The Nut Job expands the story of a self-indulgent squirrel plotting the heist of a nut shop that hides its own conniving criminals. The comedy's cuddly forest creatures should surely win over the youngsters but an overactive storyline laced with predictable puns make The Nut Job mostly forgettable.

STEVE GOW

Comedy



Ride Along

Director. Tim Story

Stars. Ice Cube, Kevin Hart

Short, screechy Ben (Hart) wants to marry the sister of tough, lone-wolf police officer, James (Ice Cube). But to do so, he has to prove himself to James by riding along with him on the job. Mild amusement ensues while Ben tries to win some respect and help bag a bad guy. There's nothing particularly new, exciting or even that funny about Ride Along — and a film this formulaic really can't afford to be this dull.

REGAN REID

Big names and small projects

Sundance kickoff.

Robert Redford's indie love-in attracts actors looking to flex their thespian chops

As Kristen Stewart, Elisabeth Moss and Joseph Gordon-Levitt have learned, the Sundance Film Festival in the mountains of Utah is the ideal destination to get away from it all and work on that career shift.

Robert Redford's two-week celebration of independent cinema kicked off its 30th year Thursday in Park City, Utah, with a lineup that includes 117 feature films. One of them is Camp X-Ray, in which Stewart plays against type as a Guantanamo Bay guard who befriends a prisoner.

Stewart, who was last at the festival in 2010 when she was promoting her role as Joan Jett in The Runaways, says Camp X-Ray was one of the rare scripts she'd read that made her want to work again after her two-year act-



Joseph Gordon-Levitt debuted his first feature film (Don Jon) at Sundance last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ing hiatus following the Twilight movies.

"At my age it's difficult to find stuff that isn't completely derivative," said the 23-year-old in a recent interview. "Most parts are imitating something else that was popular."

With Snow White and the Huntsman 2 coming in 2015, Stewart's big-budget franchise days are far from over. "But

it's a little bit more difficult to create the environment that I thrive in on a bigger movie," she explains.

"I prefer doing smaller ones. They're quicker. I like intensive things and then I like to walk away."

For Gordon-Levitt, persistence has paid off. This will be his seventh consecutive year at Sundance and he'll be presenting the first three epi-

Quoted

"At my age it's difficult to find stuff that isn't completely derivative. Most parts are imitating something else that was popular."

Kristen Stewart on why she loves working on small, independent projects

sodes of HitRecord on TV. It's the cable TV extension (airing on the Pivot network) of his HitRecord.org, a website dedicated to giving artists a platform to share and develop their work.

"HitRecord started at Sundance in 2005 in a way," says Gordon-Levitt. "But it was more of an informal hobby." Then, in 2010, it was launched at Sundance as an official production company.

Gordon-Levitt says the fest "feels like a home away from home," which made it the perfect place last year to debut his first feature film, the porn addiction tale Don Jon.

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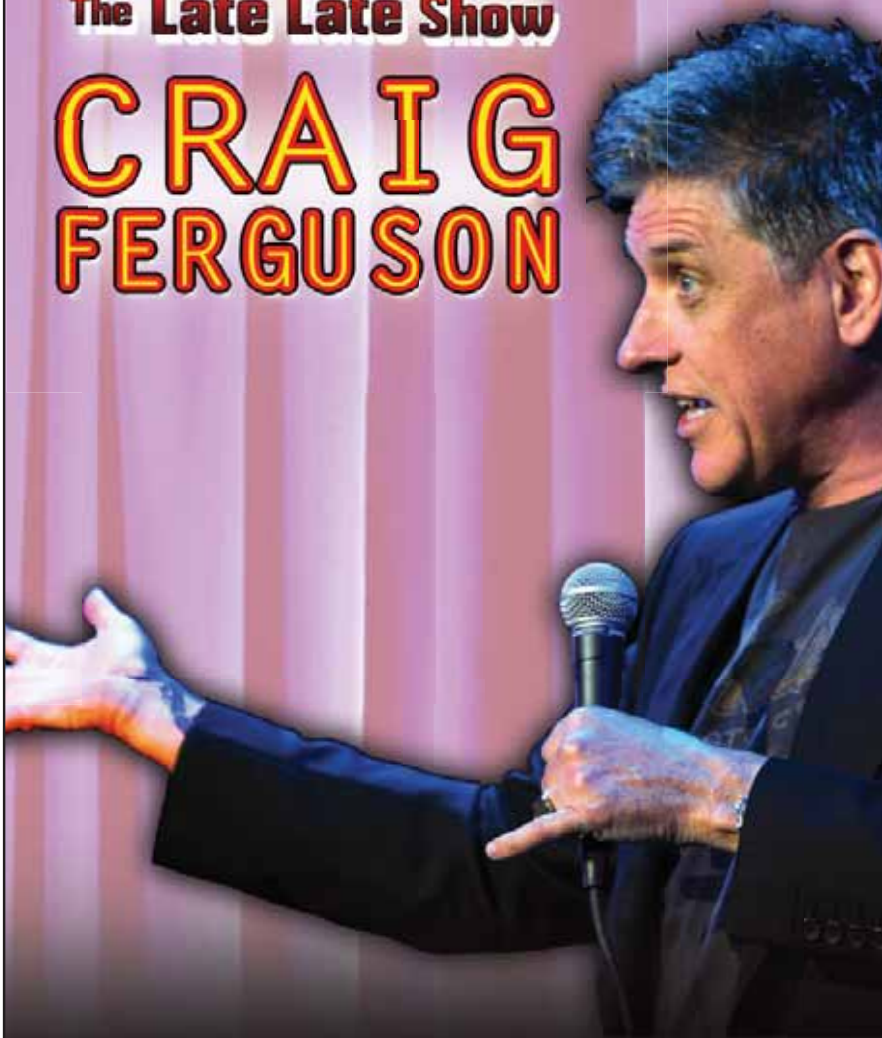
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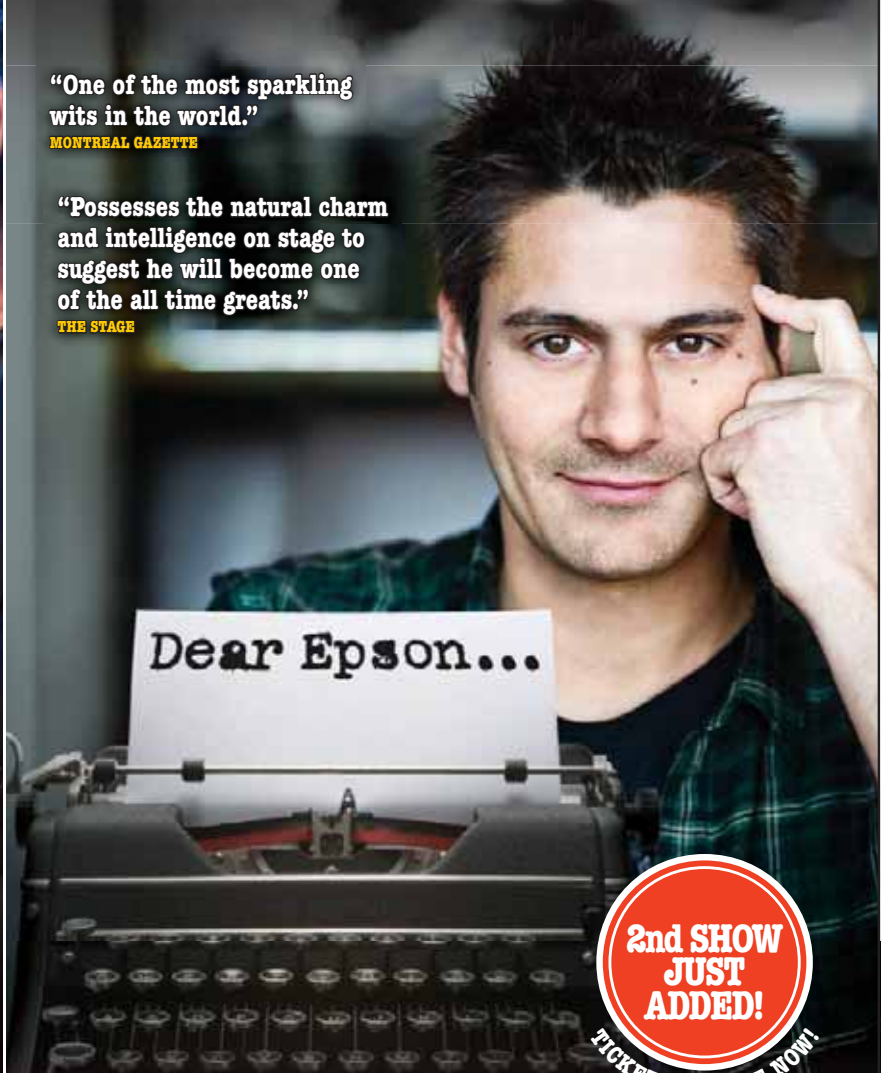
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How I Met Your Mother finale will 'tie it all together' for fans

Ending in March. Cast of long-running sitcom is already emotional — and eyeing up props to take as souvenirs

Cristin Milioti was the first to tear up. "I don't know why I'm crying, I have no right to cry," she said when asked about the relationships she had developed on *How I Met Your Mother* as the newest cast member.

"These guys had been together for nine years, so it was very scary about how I would be accepted, but it couldn't have been more wonderful," Milioti was cast as the mother at the end of season eight. But her tenure will end in weeks. In its ninth and final season, *How I Met Your Mother* airs its grand finale March 31. And there will be plenty more tears among cast and crew as the long-running show winds down. "It's been the nicest place to come for nine years," said Jason Segel (Marshall Eriksen), sitting on the set that serves as the living room for the apartment he shares with wife Lily (Alyson Hannigan).

"This is the longest time I've spent with people outside my own family. You watch people go through some serious life stuff," said co-creator Craig Thomas. "It's surreal that the



All good things come to an end: The show's leading men from left, Josh Radnor, Neil Patrick Harris and Jason Segel.

end is coming. It's only really going to hit us when it's really over." The show premiered on CBS in 2005, detailing the lives of friends in Manhattan. It revolves around Ted Mosby (played by Josh Radnor) narrating to his children through a series of flashbacks about how he met their mother.

Co-creator Carter Bays says the final episodes will "tie it all together in a package" for fans. "We will also fill in the eight years in the life of the mother. There are a lot of fun intersections in her life and our gang, so we'll see more of her and learn

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Jason Segel, who plays Marshall Eriksen, on what it's been like spending nearly a decade working on one show

more about her," said Thomas. Neil Patrick Harris (Barney Stinson) says the ending is "More complicated than you would assume." Meanwhile, the toughest battle seems to be who claims dibs on the props when

the show wraps up. "It's been a touchy subject. (Co-creator) Carter is taking everything," said Hannigan. "He's like taking an entire wall of the set."

Bays said he didn't think he'd be emotional about the



In this memorable episode Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) and Abby (guest star Britney Spears) realize that they have one thing in common — their mutual hatred of Ted (Josh Radnor) — so the "couple" decides to go to the bar to flaunt their new relationship in Ted's face. BOTH IMAGES CONTRIBUTED

props. But with the show winding down, he's been getting needy. "You say you don't need it. And then you start thinking you do need some stuff," said Bays.

With the end in sight, the show has already hit some speed bumps, most recently with an episode that featured a homage to kung fu movies where Segel's character Marshall travels to China to meet with three characters out of a kung fu movie played by Radnor, Cobie Smulders (Robin Scherbatsky) and Hannigan.

The cast members' ac-

cents and makeup sparked a firestorm on Twitter for what some perceived as racist overtones. Bays and Thomas responded with an apology, saying:

"We're deeply sorry, and we're grateful to everyone who spoke up to make us aware of it. We try to make a show that's universal, that anyone can watch and enjoy. We fell short of that this week and feel terrible about it. To everyone we offended, I hope we can regain your friendship and end this series on a note of goodwill." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Orange is the New Black star scores book deal

Laverne Cox, who plays Sophia on the Netflix hit *Orange is the New Black*, recently scored a book deal with Harlequin to tell the true story of her life as a transgender actress.

"As a trans woman of colour from a working class background, I have often felt shame about the truth of my personal story for much of my life. By sharing my full, unvarnished story ... I hope to provide a voice and safe place for those who have suffered because of their race, class, gender, abuse and trauma," Cox says.

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NEWS IN NEW YORK CITY

What's on YouTube? Ask YouTube Nation, a new series from Dreamworks

How do you cope with an exploding world of YouTube videos? You can get help by visiting YouTube Nation.

The video-sharing website has teamed with DreamWorks Animation to create this daily highlight reel of brand-new, trending and yet-to-be-discovered content.

It will serve as a handy sampler, says DreamWorks Animation CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg. "In a sea of the infinite, this is a lighthouse."

Every minute, some 100 hours of new video content is uploaded to YouTube. Now a task force of YouTube Nation curators will be plowing through this cache to identify not only what's most popular, but also what's poised to go viral with YouTube consumers.

"Our choices aren't driven purely by algorithms and analytics," says Katzenberg. "You don't want to just know what's the most seen. What you really want to know is: What's going to be the most seen?"

The five-minute YouTube



YouTube Nation host Jacob Soboroff THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nation program posts weekdays at 9 p.m. ET.

It's hosted by Jacob Soboroff (from HuffPost Live, the streaming network of The Huffington Post, and Pivot TV's TakePart Live).

But each episode will be more than a digital tip sheet. It will come equipped with links and playlists that enable the user to delve fully into the video being recommended.

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Transgender actress hopes Brave New Girls will send message of acceptance

Jenna Talackova.
New Canadian reality TV series explores lives of 'regular girls trying to make it'

After taking on tycoon Donald Trump and becoming an advocate for equal rights as the first transgender Miss Universe Canada contestant in 2012, Jenna Talackova was swimming in offers promising fame.

"I was pitched many shows when I was in L.A.," the statuesque, six-foot-one blonde said in a recent interview. "My agent kept sending me down there and it just didn't align with my personality."

"Dating shows and all these kinds of things — it wasn't the message I was trying to give out to the world and so I lost a lot of confidence."

The 25-year-old did like one show idea — one in which she would train to become a Victoria's Secret model, a longtime goal of hers — but it didn't work out.

And then she met the producers of E's new original Canadian series *Brave New Girls*, which premieres Sunday at 10 p.m. EST.

Talackova said she wanted to star in the reality series because it's Canadian and offered the chance to move from Vancouver to Toronto to pursue her dreams of modelling and acting.



Transgender model and former Miss Universe Canada contestant Jenna Talackova, centre, with cast members Dajana Radovanovic, right, and Angela Perry star in the new television show *Brave New Girls*. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

sue her dreams of modelling and acting.

"I just hope I make it more socially acceptable for anybody that's different from society's kind of person," said Talackova, who decided to fully transition into a woman at age 14 and had sex reassignment

surgery at age 19.

"So I hope this show sends that message — to accept people for who they are."

The show also stars Talackova's friend Dajana Radovanovic, a model who's finishing her criminology degree and wants Talackova to focus on

her goals. Also featured is her more free-wheeling cousin Angela Perry, who wants her to loosen up.

Perry wanted to be on the show to support what she felt was a positive message and "a way to promote understanding and acceptance."

Quoted

"What a person doesn't understand they usually become scared of ... I've got to realize that by telling my story, exposing my life, that I'm making it socially acceptable for all the younger women, transgendered women, out there."

Jenna Talackova

"We're not in medieval times anymore," she said.

Radovanovic felt it was "an amazing platform" for young women and people from all walks of life.

"Just to see Jenna living a regular life like everybody else, that's probably the main message, and just to see that we're all just regular girls trying to make it."

It's not a smooth road, though. In the premiere of the half-hour, eight-episode series, Talackova expresses interest in an apartment but agents for the building express concern about her "profile." Her history also scares off a guy at a bar.

"This is just such a little problem with what transgendered women go through,"

said Talackova, who was originally barred from competing in Trump's Miss Universe Canada because of her gender at birth. After threatening to take Trump to court, she was allowed in and placed in the Top 12.

"My good friend (transgender actress) Laverne Cox was recently on the Katie Couric show and she was just brilliant. She was talking about all the injustice going on with transgendered women and all the hate crimes, all the murders every other day in America, and that's really what matters," added Talackova.

"Me getting discriminated against when it comes to finding an apartment is so little compared to what's really going on with transgendered women. So I just hope that we can keep shedding light on these kind of issues."

Talackova admits she's been uncomfortable with being identified by the word "transgender" in the past, and she doesn't want it to be her "hook" as she tries to make it in show business.

"But through this show, it kind of made me comfortable with who I am, and if I can help one person, then I'm living my purpose," she said. "It's not that I don't want to be associated with it, it's part of my life, I just think I've worked so hard to transform myself."

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The Word

Benedict's sex appeal a mystery to Sherlock producers



THE WORD

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Are you surprised Benedict Cumberbatch is the hunk that Tumblr says he is? So are the producers of Sherlock, who hired him.

Sherlock showrunner Steven Moffat and producer Sue Vertue, who cast the thespian in the role, didn't believe he could be regarded as, well, sexy.

"When we first cast him, people were saying, 'You promised us a sexy one!'"



remembers Vertue as part of this week's Entertainment Weekly cover story. "People weren't thinking of Benedict in that light at all."

His name also didn't help. "When people said, 'Who's

playing Sherlock Holmes?' and we'd say, 'Benedict Cumberbatch,' everyone looked very vague," recalls Vertue. "Then we'd always have to spell his name."

Everyone had their doubts before the first episode aired. "For me, it is a winter show," says Cumberbatch. "It's not something you watch when you've got the dying light on the hottest day. So I was a bit despondent," he recalls.

But after the debut — and when he saw how quickly social media latched onto the BBC drama — Cumberbatch realized his life was going to change forever. "The immediate response was exciting," he says. "My name: trending, trending, trending. I didn't even know what 'trending' was before that night."

"After the first episode," added Vertue, "we never had to spell his name."

Nothing plastic about Michelle's women's lib message on her 50th

Michelle Obama turns 50 today, so People magazine asked her about plastic surgery. While the First Lady hasn't had any work done — and doesn't have plans for any — she's not taking the option off the table. "Women should have the freedom to do whatever they need to do to feel good about themselves," she says. "Right now, I don't imagine that I would go that route, but I've also learned to never say never."



Michelle Obama



Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Orlando and Miranda's Bloom-ing friendship is the perfect break-up story

And the award for friendliest breakup goes to ... Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom. The pair called it quits last year and share custody of three-year-old son Flynn, and they've been spotted out and about being chummy plenty since the

separation was announced. They even hit up the same Golden Globes after-party together last weekend. "We're good friends despite being separated," Kerr tells People magazine. "And we want the best for each other."

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Grape stuff by candlelight



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Hunkering down indoors with family, food and a few bottles of wine has become a winter tradition in Canada.

While power outages may put a damper on your culinary ambitions, you can still explore new grape varieties by candlelight.

Spain's eclectic collection of berries is mostly indigenous. Though some aren't that easy to warm up to, garnacha (or grenache as it's known in France) meets most palates in the middle.

With a ripe, rounded fruit expression and, depending on the age of the vines, a bright, naturally berry sweet flavour, Spanish garnacha is a true bridge between the old and new wine worlds.

I predicted its 2014 popularity in a column earlier this month, and if you need confirmation, fill your mouth with Bodegas San Alejandro's 2010 Las Rocas Garnacha (\$14.99 - \$19.90).

Made in the Calatayud region in the province of Zaragoza's southwestern corner, its soothing, black-fruited body cruises to a finish of dark spice, tannin and subtle oak. Try with seasonal dishes like stew and — if you have electricity.

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Take fresh spring rolls in a fowl direction

Appetizer. Typically made with shrimp and vegetables, this version adds chicken

FLASH FOOD



From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

1. Dipping sauce: In bowl stir together peanut butter, jam, soy sauce and vinegar. Season with hot sauce, then set aside.

2. Place noodles in bowl. Cover with hot water. Soak 5 minutes, or until softened. Drain in mesh strainer; set aside.

3. Use spoon to scrape out and discard the seeds from cucumber halves. Cut each piece into thin strips. Set aside. Cut jicama into thin slices, then cut each slice into



TOTAL TIME
30 MINUTES

This recipe makes 12 rolls. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

thin matchsticks.

4. Fill bowl (at least several inches larger than the rice

wrappers) with warm water. Soak 1 wrapper until just barely softened, 10 seconds. Carefully remove the rice wrapper from

the water and lay flat on the counter. Place a small bundle of noodles along one edge of the wrapper. Top the noodles with a bit each of cucumber, jicama, carrots, avocado and chicken, then top with a mint leaf.

5. Roll the wrapper, starting with the filling side, folding the ends over the fillings as you roll to form a tight cylinder. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and fillings. Serve with the dipping sauce.

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Ingredients

Dipping sauce

- 1/4 cup each smooth natural peanut butter and apricot jam
- 2 tbsp each soy sauce and rice or cider vinegar
- Hot sauce, to taste

Spring rolls

- 2 oz dried bean or rice thread noodles
- 1/2 English cucumber, peeled and halved lengthwise
- 4-oz peeled jicama root
- 12 large rice-paper wrappers (8-inch round or larger)
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 2 avocados, pitted and thinly sliced
- 1 lb cooked boneless, skinless chicken breast meat, pulled or cut into strips
- 12 large fresh mint leaves

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3 HOURS

Modern play spaces can be cool, contemporary and kid-friendly

Weekend project. If you want a space for your kids that reflects your design esthetic, here are some ideas

Mod mad

Lots of decor from the '60s and '70s works well in a play space: mod lamps, modular furniture, pop art, and fun, space-age prints for wallpaper and textiles. Hues popular back then — orange, yellow, teal, green, white — add energy to furniture, cushions and rugs.

Amanda Nisbet, a designer in New York, used a Roy Lichtenstein print and a chrome-trimmed bubble chair in one of her children's space projects (amandanisbetdesign.com).

Victoria Sanchez, a designer in Washington, used colourful Missoni fabrics to liven up a teen lounge (victoriaat home.com).

Check out modshop1.com and designpublic.com for pieces — many of them kid-size — that fit the style.

Hip, retro-style robot, typography and animal patterns designed by New Yorker Nancy Wolff are at allmodern.com.

And chocolate, tangerine or red-knitted poufs and flat-weave rugs with zingy geometric graphics are part of the signature line at fab.com.

For a low-key look that still fits the esthetic, think smooth-edged Danish modern wood furniture. Armless upholstered club chairs look smart and are perfect for lounging; find new ones at overstock.com and vintage ones on etsy.com.



While offering functional storage and ample room to get creative, this play table from RH Baby & Child will also appeal to families that want recreational spaces to blend in with the rest of the home. RH BABY & CHILD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Or take a cue from Australian designer Anna Williams and use mid-century credenzas for toy storage — check out thrivefurniture.com and onekingslane.com for options at various prices.

Accent with Mad Men-era posters or toy ads, and add floor pillows covered in patterns drawn from the era. Soothing hues like umber, avocado, mustard and sky blue keep the energy relaxed.

Industrial chic

Rooms with an industrial feel — warehouse-grade tables and storage, furniture and decorative elements with a rugged look — appeal to many kids, who sense they can let loose in these spaces. And the style's on trend, so it's easy to do.

Neutral colour palettes mixing whites, greys and browns work for either gender. Look for ceiling lights caged in metal (no worries about errant pil-

lows or Nerf balls), riveted furniture, and repurposed machine-shop elements such as gear pieces, tools and signage. A galvanized-iron, locker-style dresser makes great storage (pbteen.com).

Powder-coated in crisp red or white, Ikea's PS metal cabinet adds a pop of colour (ikea.com). A magnetized blackboard fits the edgy vibe and lets inspiration fly. Make your own inexpensively with instructions



Hip, retro-style robot, typography and animal patterns work well in modern homes where play rooms are used by adults as well. ALLMODERN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

at theturquoisehome.com.

Rugged-looking play tables offer surfaces for messy art and often offer great storage for toys and games (rhbabyandchild.com).

Lumber, flooring and stone yards will often give old pallets away: Lots of ideas for making your own play or coffee table can be found at home-dzine.co.za.

Exploration location

Animals, trees, and sky or earth elements can inspire children to be creative in play spaces, and many contemporary pieces appeal to both kids and adults. At stardust.com, find the Zuo Modern Phante chair, a version of Eames' iconic, polypropylene, elephant-shaped chair.

A realistic, cast-resin bear's head is fun, eclectic wall art (urbanoutfitters.com).

Ocean Sole's animal sculptures made out of scavenged flip flops would be inspiration for indoor adventures — rhinos, giraffes and lions come in sizes up to about five feet long. (thespotteddoor.com; pigproducts.com)

Clouds and intergalactic silver orbs are two of the striking mural wallpapers at designyourwall.com. Ikea's Vandring Spar low-pile rug features an Impressionist version of a nature walk, complete with grass and sandy footprints. And a soft grey and white wool rug silhouettes romping deer and a leafy forest at landofnod.com.

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Graduated Mooseheads

Where are they now?

Nathan MacKinnon Taken No. 1 overall by the Colorado Avalanche in June's NHL draft, Cole Harbour's Nathan MacKinnon has measured up to huge expectations. Leading all



rookies in scoring, the 18-year-old forward has registered 15 goals and 14 assists in 46 NHL games

this season. His trademark speed and power continue to be showcased at the NHL level, and he has shown constant improvement as the season progresses.

Martin Frk

One of the Mooseheads' most dangerous offensive weapons last season, Martin Frk has struggled to make the leap to the professional ranks. A second-round pick of the Detroit Red Wings, the Pelhrimov, Czech Republic, native has split the season with both their ECHL affiliate Toledo Walleye and AHL affiliate Grand Rapids Griffins, where he currently plays and has been held pointless in 17 games. In 15 games with the Walleye, Frk registered five goals and 13 assists.

Stefan Fournier

After signing an entry-level deal with the Montreal Canadiens over the summer, Fournier has been battling for a regular spot in the organization's AHL

affiliate Hamilton Bulldogs. In 23 games with the Bulldogs, the six-foot-three, 210-pound-



er has scored a goal and added a pair of assists to go along with 75 penalty minutes. Fournier will have to continue in the mould of a fourth-line grinder if he's to take the next step in his career.

Chris Clarke

The popular ex-Mooseheads backup is now the No. 2 goalie for the Ontario University Athletics' Queens Golden Gaels. In three games with the Gaels this season, Clarke has one win and a loss along with a 2.48 goals-against average. The Fall River native is also pursuing a commerce degree and is well known for a clever tweet or two.

ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

Abeltshauser talks pursuing NHL dream

Struggles and rewards.

Despite early challenges, former Mooseheads blue-liner remains focused on making it



ANDREW RANKIN

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It didn't take long for Konrad Abeltshauser to realize the cold realities of playing professional hockey.

In a matter of months, the former Halifax Mooseheads defenceman left his junior home of five seasons, joining the ranks of the Worcester Sharks — the San Jose Sharks' American Hockey League affiliate.

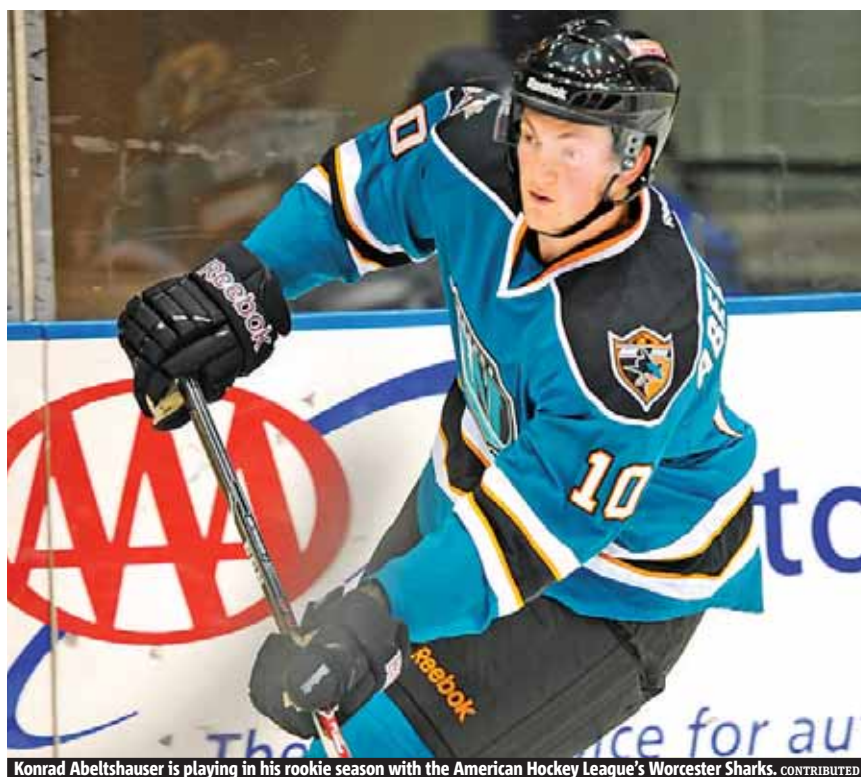
No longer is he the go-to guy in the AHL. Instead, the Sharks' sixth-round pick in 2010 is among seven other talented defencemen on the team all battling for their piece of the pie, and sharing Abeltshauser's NHL aspirations.

"I realized really quickly that this is pro hockey now and there's no fooling around anymore," said the 21-year-old native of Bad Tolz, Germany.

"If you're not sharp the entire game then there are enough players here to replace you. You just make the coaches' job a lot easier to take you out of the lineup."

The former Canadian Hockey League humanitarian of the year would be the first to admit the transition from junior to pro hasn't been easy.

But he takes comfort in knowing he's progressing, becoming faster, stronger and smarter. So far, the Sharks have played 35 regular-season



Konrad Abeltshauser is playing in his rookie season with the American Hockey League's Worcester Sharks. CONTRIBUTED

By the numbers

Konrad Abeltshauser's stats with the Worcester Sharks:

GP	G	A	Pts	+/-
21	1	4	5	-9

games, Abeltshauser has appeared in 21 of them.

"Now you're playing against grown men," he said. "The pace of the game is a lot faster."

"Of course, it's not easy, going from being a go-to defenceman to coming here and battling to stay in the lineup. It's a tough transition. It's a tough pill to swallow, but the coaches and scouts in the organization keep telling me to stay positive. They know it's a hard situation, but I just have to stick with it. It's not that I'm playing bad, and I'm sitting out for the wrong

reasons."

Away from the rink, he's got newfound adult responsibilities — such as looking after a new home and paying bills — that he has to worry about.

But he's also had the good fortune of having helpful team

veterans to guide him along.

Not far away, ex-teammate Stefan Fournier is coping with the same adjustments. The former Mooseheads co-captain is also battling to make a name for himself while in and out of the lineup with the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs.

"We stay in touch and know it's just part of the process," Abeltshauser said of Fournier. "It's just nice to know there are other guys that have the same problems, and we're supporting each other. We both have the same dream and we're battling to get there."

School first, NHL later for MacAulay



Stephen MacAulay with the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs. CONTRIBUTED

In a matter of a few weeks, Stephen MacAulay went from being a full-time hockey player to a full-time student and part-time hockey player.

It's been a whirlwind season for the ex-Halifax Moosehead and Cole Harbour native, who signed a one-year contract with the Montreal Canadiens' AHL affiliate Hamilton Bulldogs over the summer.

But ultimately, MacAulay couldn't get an entry-level NHL deal. Since the Christmas

break, he's been suiting up for the Saint Mary's Huskies.

"Now it's time to focus on school and it's the adjustment of school life that you have to get used to," said the 21-year-old forward. "It's been almost six years since I've been in the classroom, and now I'm back again. It was tough for me."

On the ice, MacAulay's made a seamless transition, used in virtually every situation.

"He's a quality guy with a lot of skill," said head coach Trevor

Stienburg. "We see him wearing a letter for us one day."

In four games with the Huskies he has a goal and an assist.

He's still determined to take the long road to the NHL, with a little insurance in his back pocket.

"I'm not giving up on my dream. I'll just try again when I'm 24 or 25. This is the best situation for me because you can't play hockey forever."

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Habs win up-and-down affair vs. Sens

NHL. After squandering 3-0 lead, Subban comes through to put Canadiens on top for good in overtime

Carey Price made 40 saves and P.K. Subban scored the overtime winner as the Montreal Canadiens defeated the Ottawa Senators 5-4 Thursday night.

Subban scored 23 seconds into the extra period as his shot trickled through Craig Anderson's legs.

Tomas Plekanec, Max Pacioretty and David Desharnais also scored for the Canadiens (27-16-5), who defeated the Senators for the first time this season (1-2-0).

Clarke MacArthur, Erik Karlsson, Bobby Ryan and Kyle Turris scored for Ottawa (21-18-9). Anderson stopped 18 shots.

Trailing 4-3, the Canadiens



P.K. Subban and the Canadiens celebrate Thursday's overtime win in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

caught a break on the tying goal midway through the third. Plekanec broke in alone and while Anderson made the initial save, defenceman Jared Cowen watched in horror as the puck went in off his skate. Two goals in 84 seconds late in the second allowed Ottawa to grab its first lead of the game.

On Thursday

5

Canadiens

4

Senators

A great pass by MacArthur allowed Turris to beat Price over the shoulder, sending the 19,217 on hand into a frenzy and giving the Senators a 4-3 lead.

Trailing 3-2 to start the second, Ottawa outshot the Canadiens 19-10 in the second and tied the game on the 37th shot as Ryan beat Price with a wrist shot. Minutes earlier Price had made outstanding saves on Ryan and Mark Stone.

The Canadiens got off to a quick start taking a 3-0 lead early in the first, but with two late first-period goals the Senators were able to make a game of it.

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Tennis

Bouchard tops Davis in Round 3

Montreal's Eugenie Bouchard reached the fourth round of a Grand Slam for the first time on Friday as the 30th seed beat American Lauren Davis 6-2, 6-2 at the Australian Open.

Bouchard, 19, who is making her main draw debut in Melbourne is the first Canadian woman to reach the fourth round in Australia since 1999 when Maureen Drake did it.

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NBL Canada

Rainmen crumble, eventually falling to Moncton in OT

In the end, the Halifax Rainmen couldn't close the deal.

It started out so promising for the Rainmen, but things fell apart in the late stages, and Halifax dropped a 120-115 overtime heart-

breaker at the Moncton Coliseum on Thursday night.

Going into the fourth quarter with a six-point lead, Halifax couldn't hold off a refocused Moncton squad which outscored its opponent 36-30 to force overtime. Then the Miracles pulled through in the clutch.

Close in virtually every other category, Moncton held the advantage inside,

outscored the Rainmen 70-50 in the paint and out-rebounding them 67-51.

Moncton's Stanley Robinson scored a game-high 25 points, while George Goode led the Rainmen with 18 points to go with eight rebounds.

The Rainmen (4-21) are back in action at home on Saturday against the London Lightning, currently tied for second place in the NBL. **METRO**

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	47	30	15	2	136	104	62
Tampa Bay	48	28	15	5	137	115	61
Montreal	48	27	16	5	123	115	59
Toronto	49	24	20	5	136	149	53
Ottawa	48	21	18	9	138	151	51
Detroit	47	20	17	10	118	128	50
Florida	47	18	22	7	109	144	43
Buffalo	46	13	27	6	83	129	32

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	48	34	12	2	156	115	70
Philadelphia	48	24	19	5	128	136	53
N.Y. Rangers	49	25	21	3	120	126	53
Washington	47	22	17	8	140	141	52
New Jersey	49	20	18	11	113	120	51
Columbus	46	22	20	4	129	131	48
Carolina	46	19	18	9	111	130	47
N.Y. Islanders	49	19	23	7	134	157	45

Thursday's results

Boston 4 Dallas 2
Colorado 2 New Jersey 1 (SO)
Los Angeles 4 St. Louis 1
Minnesota 4 Edmonton 1
Montreal 5 Ottawa 4 (OT)
Nashville 4 Philadelphia 3 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 2 Tampa Bay 1 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers 1 Detroit 0
Phoenix 1 Vancouver 0
San Jose 3 Florida 0
Winnipeg 5 Calgary 2

Wednesday's results

Anaheim 9 Vancouver 1
Pittsburgh 4 Washington 3
Toronto 4 Buffalo 3 (SO)
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

San Jose at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	49	30	8	11	177	135	71
St. Louis	46	32	9	5	164	104	69
Colorado	47	30	12	5	137	118	65
Minnesota	50	26	19	5	122	123	57
Dallas	47	21	19	7	134	145	49
Nashville	49	21	21	7	117	146	49
Winnipeg	49	21	23	5	138	148	47

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	49	36	8	5	170	120	77
San Jose	48	30	12	6	153	117	66
Los Angeles	48	29	14	5	124	97	63
Vancouver	49	24	16	9	124	125	57
Phoenix	47	22	16	9	136	143	53
Calgary	48	16	26	6	107	153	38
Edmonton	50	15	30	5	129	178	35

Note: Two points for a win, one point for an overtime/shootout loss (OL column).

Dallas at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's games

Boston at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	25	43	68
Kane, Chi	23	33	56
Tavares, NYI	21	35	56
Getzlaf, Ana	23	32	55
Perry, Ana	27	26	53
Thornton, SJ	5	45	50
Sharp, Chi	25	24	49
Kunitz, Pgh	24	25	49
Ovechkin, Wash	34	14	48
Backstrom, Wash	11	37	48
Toews, Chi	17	30	47

Not including last night's games

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday's games — All Times Eastern

AFC — New England at Denver, 3 p.m.

NFC — San Francisco at Seattle, 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday, Feb. 2 — At East Rutherford, N.J.

AFC vs. NFC champions, 6:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	31	7	.816	—
d-Miami	27	11	.711	4
d-Toronto	19	18	.514	11½
Atlanta	20	19	.513	11½
Washington	18	19	.486	12½
Chicago	18	19	.486	12½
Detroit	16	22	.421	15
Brooklyn	16	22	.421	15
Charlotte	16	24	.400	16
New York	15	24	.385	16½
Cleveland	14	25	.359	17½
Boston	14	26	.350	18
Philadelphia	13	25	.342	18
Orlando	10	29	.256	21½
Milwaukee	7	31	.184	24

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	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	31	8	.795	—
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Dallas	23	17	.575	8½
Denver	20	18	.526	10½
Memphis	19	19	.500	11½
Minnesota	18	20	.474	12½
New Orleans	15	23	.395	15½
Sacramento	14	23	.378	16
L.A. Lakers	14	25	.359	17
Utah	13	27	.325	18½

Thursday's results

Indiana 117 New York 89

Oklahoma City at Houston

At London, England

Brooklyn 127 Atlanta 110

Wednesday's late results

Boston 88 Toronto 83

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Portland 108 Cleveland 96

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

L.A. Clippers at New York, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.

Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Utah at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.

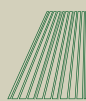
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Manning too young, healthy to hang it up: Elway



Peyton Manning speaks during a news conference at the Broncos' training facility in Englewood, Colo., on Wednesday. The team is scheduled to play the New England Patriots on Sunday. ED ANDRIESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL playoffs. Broncos legend says he'll meet with star after playoffs to discuss his future

John Elway doesn't see Peyton Manning riding off into that orange Rocky Mountain sunset the way Elway did 15 years ago if the Denver Broncos quarterback caps his record-setting season with a second Super Bowl ring.

Elway's body was breaking

down, having been sacked 516 times — 244 more than Manning has been in about the same number of games.

"I still think he's young and he's playing well," Elway, now the Broncos' executive vice-president, said Thursday of his quarterback, who's coming off his best statistical season just two years removed from neck problems that weakened his throwing arm. "That's going to come down to Peyton. It's going to come down to what he wants to do."

Manning has given no indi-

cation that he's anywhere near calling it quits at age 37, although he has dropped phrases lately like "light at the end of the tunnel" when talking about his career.

Elway takes that to mean Manning knows that whenever he does walk away, these are the days he'll look back on.

Manning is preparing to lead the Broncos (14-3) against Tom Brady and the New England Patriots (13-4) Sunday in the AFC championship.

Elway said he'll meet with Manning after the season to

talk about his future. But the four-time MVP, who will likely have No. 5 soon, certainly doesn't seem to be wringing the last Sundays out of his battered body like Elway was doing back in 1998. After all, Manning has thrown for 97 touchdowns in his two seasons in Denver, including an NFL-record 55 this season.

"When you leave this game, you want to leave it on your last leg and try not to leave anything on the table ..." said Elway.

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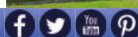
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March 21 - April 20

Your mind will be moving fast over the next few days as you look to make your ideas pay. But don't make any decisions until after the Sun changes signs on the 20th. Only then will the way forward be clear.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Something will happen today that annoys you. But when you think about it, you will realize that it makes no difference to your plans. Carry on with what you were going to do.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Don't listen to those who say you are too far out with your ideas for your own good. They may think you are crazy but it all makes perfect sense to you, and that's what matters.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You should make yourself known to important people over the next 24 hours. People in positions of authority will be open to your ideas and before you know it, you could find yourself promoted.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Today's Mercury-Uranus link will help you to see things way ahead of everyone else. However, other aspects warn that what you see over the weekend may be misleading, so don't get carried away.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

According to the planets, you are too close to a project and need to step back a bit if you are to get a realistic view of how you are doing — and what you need to do next.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You don't have to make an issue of every challenge. You will progress quicker if you ignore whatever does not take you closer to your goals.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Try not to make decisions for loved ones because, no matter how well intentioned, they are sure to resent it. Let them learn from their own mistakes and be there to help them up off the floor if they need it.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Someone you meet today will open your eyes to new possibilities. But that does not mean you should drop what you are doing and head off in a new direction. Wait for the Sun to change signs on Monday before making decisions.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The planets warn you could easily be fooled by someone who knows how to play on your insecurities. Don't fall for their lies. If you do, you will have only yourself to blame.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The best way to help yourself today is to help others. With mind planet Mercury linked nicely to your ruler Uranus, you have a knack for knowing what those around you need.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

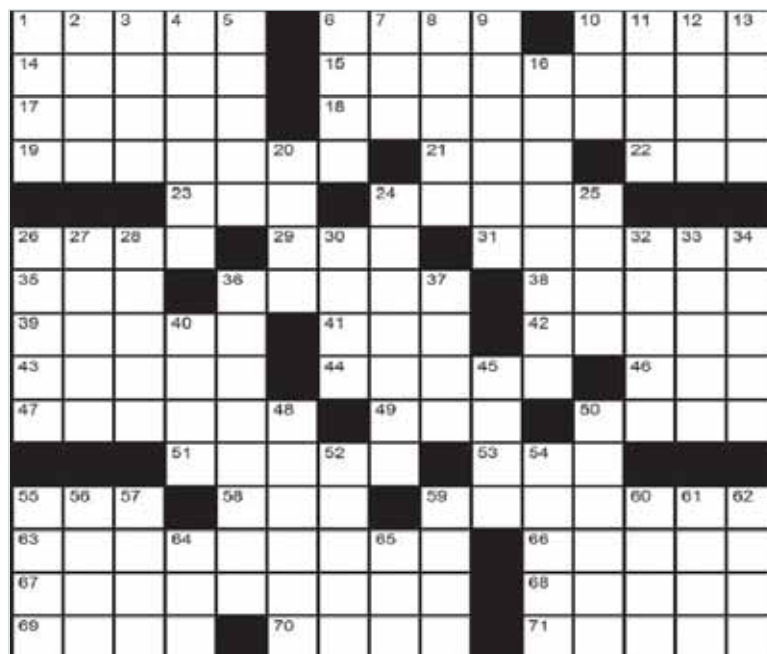
Sometimes things go wrong for a reason and sometimes for no reason at all. What goes wrong today will most likely fall in the latter category but it's really no big deal. Come Monday you will have forgotten all about it.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Harbour, NWT
- 'Different' suffix
- Spumante wine
- Mr. Blake of ragtime piano
- Canadian actor, b.1916 - d.2006: 2 wds.
- Vertical
- Procedure
- Its practitioners adapt their movements to the environment to overcome physical obstacles
- Old French coin
- Roxy Music's Brian
- Nav. rank
- Craft-making fabrics
- Kill
- Genetic stuff
- Agile
- Poetry contraction
- totsy
- Hex
- Cartoon style
- Cable network Showtime's website, —.com
- Quartz variety
- "That's ___ nonsense." ...said the cow about something ridiculous
- Nicknamed
- "Happy Days" character: 2 wds.
- Grassy roll
- Mick Jagger's first wife
- Paddle
- Naja Hajes
- Donald Sutherland flick, "Max ___ Returns" (1983)
- Mil. rank
- Superstar
- Roman Myth: Household deity
- That catchy tune



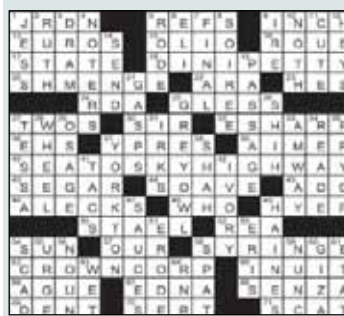
- you just can't get out of your head
63. "___ of Miracles" (1961) starring #15-Across
66. Google alternative
67. Ex-Atlanta hockey players
68. Colgate competitor
69. Inner light
70. "The Dame ___ Experience"

71. Iceland's stories
- Down
- Permeate
 - Radiant light
 - "Ten-four." sayer
 - "ET Canada" host Cheryl
 - Place atop: 2 wds.
 - Dr. Frankenstein's pal
 - Matterhorn, for one
 - Queen of Bur-

- lesque, Dita Von ___
- Sign up
 - Morr's follower
 - Silk: French
 - 1982 Sci-Fi movie
 - "___ idea." (That's news to me)
 - Tragically Hip's "___ Disaster"
 - "Till Death ___ Part" (BBC comedy on which "All in the Family" was based)

- "Cityline": ___ Friday
- Conceited
- Baseball great Rusty
- Toronto-born singer Ms. Ortega
- Actress Ms. Valli
- US crash-investigating agcy.
- Music quintet, Canadian ___
- Bar, in law
- Oboist's props
- "The Legend of ___" (2014)
- Fitness sort
- Repair
- Medieval chest
- Laurentians locale, Ste-___
- NB's Premier, David ___
- Barked
- Jonathan ___, Juan Peron in "Evita" (1996)
- L'il living lairs
- Salmon sort
- Shoe shade
- "Born Free" (1966) lioness
- Uttered "That's nice dear."
- Civil Rights leader Ms. Parks
- Bons ___ (Witticisms)
- Mr. Penn
- Archaeological find

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